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**MEMORANDUM**

**From:** Dave Rupp, Utah Division of Water Quality

**To:** Affected BLM & DOGM Personnel

**Date:** November 16, 1999

**Subject:** Review Criteria for Screening Mining Projects as Wet Operations  
Various Mining Projects, DWQ Inventory File Nos. 105 & 106

The subject projects could be pre-screened by DOGM and BLM personnel to determine if they are dry operations. Dry operations need not be submitted for our review. In the future, agencies could review small mining projects and need not submit the majority of them to Utah DEQ. There is a single review criterion, which is:

**Screening Criterion:**

✓ Is the small mining operation dry in nature, i.e. is no water or liquids used in the process?

If no water or liquids are used directly in the process, the operation need not be referred to the Division of Water Quality.

Most of the following operations do not need to be submitted. Wet mining operations usually involve the use of liquids which generate wastewater, leachate, wet materials, involve wet extraction, wet milling, or wet mineral processing. Wet operations should normally be submitted for review.

We have reviewed copies of Notices Of Intent for the subject mining operations, and have made the following determinations based on our single review criterion:

<u>DWQ Letter</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Mine</u>	<u>POC</u>	<u>Location &amp;</u> <u>FILE NO.</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Determination/</u> <u>Date</u>
✓105	Jack Roberts 3 Guys Gem No. 1	J.Burns L.Garahana	Millard Co. S/027/085 UTU 78271	Both	FNSI Nov. 16, 1999
✓106	J.J. Wang Quint Star Mngmt 313 & 191 Harvesting Area	J.Burns	San Juan Co. S/019/051	DOGM	FNSI Nov. 16, 1999

If you have any questions or further information on these items, please contact Kiran Bhayani or me at 801-538-6146.

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